

January 14, 1976

## C. I. Steffes

Services for C.I. Steffes, 90, retired Andover farmer, 2502, 3rd Avenue, S.E., Aberdeen, were held Thursday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. in All Saints Catholic Church in Andover. The Rev. Marvin McPhee and the Rev. Donald Kettler officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Rosary was said at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Mr. Steffes died Sunday, Jan. 4, at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen. Honorary casket bearers were Joe Dauwen, Elmer Schaefer, Lawrence Schuring, Warren Bingen, Nick DeBilzan and Jim DeBilzan. Active casket bearers were Ed and Eugene Prunty, Tony and John Schwab, George Dylla and Earl Baadte.

Mr. Steffes was born August 19, 1885, at Wein, Mo. He married Louise Fessler June 3, 1908 in St. Mary's Catholic Church at Wein. They lived on a farm in that vicinity for about one year and moved to Andover March, 1909. He farmed all of his life north of Andover until November 9, 1974, when he, his wife, son Christian and daughter Bertha moved to Aberdeen.

He was a member of All Saints Catholic Church of Andover and a charter member of the Catholic Order of Foresters Court No. 1606 of which he held several offices including financial secretary at the time of his death. He was involved in various offices in Day County during his lifetime.

Survivors include his widow; one son, Christian Steffes, Aberdeen; and six daughters, Sister M. Ruth (Helen) of Presentation Heights in Aberdeen with her present assignment at Holy Rosary Hospital at Miles City, Mont., Mrs. Erwin (Frances) Voss of Andover, Miss Bertha Steffes of Aberdeen, Mrs. Jerome (Renetta) Kersting of Mahanomen, Minn., Mrs. Robert (Viola) Steers of Grand Forks, N.D., and Mrs. John (Kathleen) Altobelli of Moorhead, Minn.; three brothers: John, Anthony and Fred Steffes, all of Missouri; and fourteen grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, two daughters, one brother and one sister. The Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.